April 28, 2021

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Pingree and Ranking Member Joyce,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing $160,000 for the replacement of aging water infrastructure by the Village of Aurora, with government offices located at 456 Main Street, Aurora, NY 13026. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help address long overdue maintenance needs and ensure dependable water access for the Village of Aurora.

This project would allow the Village of Aurora, in coordination with Wells College, to replace the aging pumps and intake pipe of the college's water plant. The Wells College water plant is responsible for providing clean drinking water for both the college and the Village of Aurora, however, pumps at the plant are significantly past their recommended life span and prone to failure. This project would make necessary improvements to the plant's operations and prevent potentially dire access issues in the surrounding area.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John Katko
Member of Congress